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### **Increased Risk Of PPHN When Women Use SSRIs Medications Like Celexa, Lexapro, Paxil, Prozac, And Zoloft After Their 20th Week Of Pregnancy**

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**SUMMARY:** Persistent pulmonary hypertension of the newborn (PPHN) is a serious but often overlooked drug risk presented by some popular antidepressant drugs like Celexa, Lexapro, Paxil, Prozac, and Zoloft. These prescription medications are in the Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors, or SSRIs, class of drugs.

While the FDA has looked at this drug safety problem for some years, now, unfortunately the agency has not reached any definitive conclusions and certainly has not taken the necessary actions to prevent future cases of PPHN caused by antidepressants / SSRIs like Celexa, Lexapro, Paxil, Prozac, and Zoloft, despite the severity of this birth defect condition.

Likewise, the drug companies responsible for these widely used antidepressants have apparently not taken the obvious steps to heighten awareness of the SSRI - PPHN drug safety issue by getting Prozac, for example, moved to Pregnancy Category D (Prescription drugs which are known to impose health risks for the fetus).

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